

In FY01, the Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition (JCEC) awarded PDD a grant for an attorney position for legal advocacy on behalf of juveniles with mental health, mental retardation and developmental disabilities. PDD indicates that it cannot meet the demand for those services with its current staff and resources upon expiration of the JCEC grant in early FY03 and that it would use the appropriation contained within this bill to continue the efforts of the current lost grant-funded position.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$56.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of Fiscal Year 2003 shall revert to the general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The ancillary costs and administrative implications associated with a statewide advocacy position have already been absorbed by the agency as the organization has accommodated the current grant-funded advocacy position.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The bill is unclear whether the funding is intended to fund a term, permanent, or contract position.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. Is the intention of the bill to fund a term, permanent, or contract position?

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